CALL FOR PAPERS

20th Symposium on Auditing Research
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
October 11-13, 2012

The Twentieth University of Illinois Symposium on Auditing Research will be held on the Urbana-Champaign campus during October 11-13, 2012. The symposium will be funded by generous support from the KPMG LLP Foundation.

We invite papers about all aspects of auditing and assurance. However, a segment of the 20th Symposium will focus on how key stakeholders within public companies’ external reporting supply chain, broadly construed to include environmental, financial and social reporting, influence or are influenced by the audit profession, audit firms, or auditors. Auditing here need not be limited to financial-statement auditing. In particular, we will consider papers that focus on roles played by:

- Other intermediaries (e.g., credit rating agencies, statutory bank auditors, etc.),
- Newer standard setters and associations (e.g., AccountAbility, Fair Labor Association, etc.)
- Third-party evaluators and commentators (e.g., arbitrators, jurors, the business press, the Internet etc.),
- Other governance stakeholders and participants (e.g., audit committee members, sophisticated activist investors, creditors).

 Submission deadline: July 13, 2012.

Papers should employ rigorous research methods (e.g., analytical, archival, experimental, and field). Authors should submit a regular version and an anonymized version of their paper to Mark Peecher at peccher@illinois.edu. Your email should identify contact information for the corresponding author and indicate, as applicable, other symposia or conferences at which the submitted paper has been or will be presented. Authors will be notified during late July as to whether submissions have been accepted for presentation at the symposium.